

**EXPLANATION: MATTER UNDERScoreD IS NEW; MATTER IN BRACKETS [ ] IS MATERIAL TO BE OMITTED**

**BILL NO. 6263**

**ORDINANCE NO. 5717**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE RENO MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 12 ENTITLED “PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES,” CHAPTER 12.16, ENTITLED SEWER SERVICE, ARTICLE II SEWER SERVICE CHARGE REGULATIONS, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 12.16.110 THROUGH 12.16.370 TO ALLOCATE THE COSTS OF PROVIDING WASTEWATER SERVICE BY USE FEES AMONG USER CLASSES AND FOR NEW CONNECTION FEES TO THE WASTEWATER FACILITIES; TOGETHER WITH OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.**

**SPONSORED BY: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RENO DO ORDAIN:**

**SECTION 1:** Chapter 12.16 of the Reno Municipal Code, Article II Sewer Service Charge Regulations, Sections 12.16.110 through 12.16.370 regarding residential and industrial/commercial rates is hereby amended, the same to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 12.16. SEWER SERVICE**

**DIVISION 2. SEWER USER CHARGES**

**Sec. 12.16.110. Purpose.**

The purpose of the sewer user charge is to recover administration, collection, treatment and disposal, operation, maintenance, and repair and replacement costs, and costs connected to the City of Reno and Sparks jointly owned Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and State Water Quality Standards, and it is distributed based on volume and equivalent domestic strength wastewater. The operation and maintenance costs will be distributed to the users as a monthly service charge.

(Ord. No. 2899, § 1 (7.20.031), 8-25-80; Ord. No. 4638, § 2, 6-25-96; Ord. No. 5102, § 1, 12-14-99)

**Sec. 12.16.120. Dwelling unit or residential unit.**

Customer classes are those user categories that have similar wastewater discharge characteristics. The three customer classes defined for user fee rates are single-family, multifamily and commercial/industrial. Residential condominium, townhouse condominium, community apartment, multifamily, mobile home park, as defined in Title 18, Planning and Zoning, are multifamily for the purpose of establishing user fee rates.

Duplex, triplex, fourplex, mobile home lot, single-family residence, zero lot line single-family and mobile home subdivision, as defined in Title 18, Planning and Zoning, are single-family for the purpose of establishing user fee rates.

A residential user class not defined shall be assigned to that user class that is most closely representative of a multifamily or single-family class.

The sewer service user charge for each type of residential unit, multifamily or single-family, is a flat monthly rate per residential unit plus a customer service charge per bill effective on the dates indicated as listed below:

[Effective October 1, 1995 through March 31, 2000:

The single-family user fee rate shall be \$14.00 per month.

The multifamily user fee rate shall be \$11.49 per month.

For a multiple-family residential dwelling unit with shared kitchen, for kitchen only, the user fee rate shall be \$8.78 per month and for each bedroom unit used in connection with the shared kitchen the user fee rate shall be \$4.28 per month.

Rooming house (per room rental) user fee rate shall be \$4.28 per month plus \$8.78 per month per kitchen.

A customer service charge of \$4.12 shall be added per bill for all customer classes.

Effective April 1, 2000

A customer service charge of \$4.20 shall be added per bill for all customer classes.

Effective April 1, 2000

The single-family user fee rate shall be \$15.00 per month.

The multifamily user fee rate shall be \$12.30 per month.

For a multiple-family residential dwelling unit with shared kitchen, for kitchen only, the user fee rate shall be \$9.41 per month and for each bedroom unit used in connection with the shared kitchen the user fee rate shall be \$4.59 per month.

Rooming house (per room rental) user fee rate shall be \$4.59 per month plus \$9.41 per month per kitchen.

Effective April 1, 2001

The single-family user fee rate shall be \$16.10 per month.

The multifamily user fee rate shall be \$13.20 per month.

For a multiple-family residential dwelling unit with shared kitchen, for kitchen only, the user fee rate shall be \$10.10 per month and for each bedroom unit used in connection with the shared kitchen the user fee rate shall be \$4.92 per month.

Rooming house (per room rental) user fee rate shall be \$4.92 per month plus \$10.10 per month per kitchen.

Effective April 1, 2002

The single-family user fee rate shall be \$17.20 per month.

The multifamily user fee rate shall be \$14.10 per month.

For a multiple-family residential dwelling unit with shared kitchen, for kitchen only, the user fee rate shall be \$10.79 per month and for each bedroom unit used in connection with the shared kitchen the user fee rate shall be \$5.26 per month.

Rooming house (per room rental) user fee rate shall be \$5.26 per month plus \$10.79 per month per kitchen.

Effective April 1, 2003

The single-family user fee rate shall be \$18.30 per month.

The multifamily user fee rate shall be \$15.01 per month.

For a multiple-family residential dwelling unit with shared kitchen, for kitchen only, the user fee rate shall be \$11.48 per month and for each bedroom unit used in connection with the shared kitchen the user fee rate shall be \$5.59 per month.

Rooming house (per room rental) user fee rate shall be \$5.59 per month plus \$11.48 per month per kitchen.

Effective April 1, 2004

The single-family user fee rate shall be \$19.40 per month.

The multifamily user fee rate shall be \$15.91 per month.

For a multiple-family residential dwelling unit with shared kitchen, for kitchen only, the user fee rate shall be \$12.17 per month and for each bedroom unit used in connection with the shared kitchen the user fee rate shall be \$5.93 per month.

Rooming house (per room rental) user fee rate shall be \$5.93 per month plus \$12.17 per month per kitchen.]

Effective April 1, 2004 through October 1, 2015 per the Table Titled Sewer Fee Rates the following user fee rates shall be applicable:  
TABLE: Sewer Fee Rates

<u>(All Fees Are Per Month Rates)</u>		<u>Multiple-Family Residential</u> <u>Dwelling Unit with Shared</u> <u>Kitchen</u>		<u>Rooming House</u>		
<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Single-Family</u>	<u>Multifamily</u>	<u>Per Kitchen</u>	<u>Per Bedroom</u>	<u>Per Kitchen</u>	<u>Per Room Rental</u>
<u>April 1, 2004</u>	<u>\$19.40</u>	<u>\$15.91</u>	<u>\$12.17</u>	<u>\$5.93</u>	<u>\$12.17</u>	<u>\$5.93</u>
<u>October 1, 2005</u>	<u>\$24.25</u>	<u>\$19.89</u>	<u>\$15.21</u>	<u>\$7.41</u>	<u>\$15.21</u>	<u>\$7.41</u>
<u>October 1, 2006</u>	<u>\$25.22</u>	<u>\$20.68</u>	<u>\$15.82</u>	<u>\$7.71</u>	<u>\$15.82</u>	<u>\$7.71</u>
<u>October 1, 2007</u>	<u>\$26.23</u>	<u>\$21.51</u>	<u>\$16.45</u>	<u>\$8.02</u>	<u>\$16.45</u>	<u>\$8.02</u>
<u>October 1, 2008</u>	<u>\$27.28</u>	<u>\$22.37</u>	<u>\$17.11</u>	<u>\$8.34</u>	<u>\$17.11</u>	<u>\$8.34</u>
<u>October 1, 2009</u>	<u>\$28.37</u>	<u>\$23.27</u>	<u>\$17.80</u>	<u>\$8.67</u>	<u>\$17.80</u>	<u>\$8.67</u>
<u>October 1, 2010</u>	<u>\$29.50</u>	<u>\$24.20</u>	<u>\$18.51</u>	<u>\$9.02</u>	<u>\$18.51</u>	<u>\$9.02</u>
<u>October 1, 2011</u>	<u>\$30.68</u>	<u>\$25.16</u>	<u>\$19.25</u>	<u>\$9.38</u>	<u>\$19.25</u>	<u>\$9.38</u>
<u>October 1, 2012</u>	<u>\$31.91</u>	<u>\$26.17</u>	<u>\$20.02</u>	<u>\$9.75</u>	<u>\$20.02</u>	<u>\$9.75</u>
<u>October 1, 2013</u>	<u>\$33.19</u>	<u>\$27.22</u>	<u>\$20.82</u>	<u>\$10.14</u>	<u>\$20.82</u>	<u>\$10.14</u>
<u>October 1, 2014</u>	<u>\$34.52</u>	<u>\$28.31</u>	<u>\$21.65</u>	<u>\$10.55</u>	<u>\$21.65</u>	<u>\$10.55</u>

(Ord. No. 2899, § 1(7.20.032), 8-25-80; Ord. No. 2954, § 1, 9-14-81; Ord. No. 3456, § 1, 1-26-87; Ord. No. 3754, § 1, 12-12-88; Ord. No. 4375, § 1, 3-22-94; Ord. No. 4560, § 1, 9-26-95; Ord. No. 5102, § 1, 12-14-99; Ord. No. 5518, § 1, 12-3-03)

### **Sec. 12.16.130. Industrial/commercial discharger.**

The industrial/commercial discharger sewer service charges are based on weighted fixture units in accordance with the rate under (1), herein, until data is available to charge according to metered flow. The sewer service charge under (2), herein, shall be based on 100 percent of the water consumed which shall include all unmetered and metered water usage. There is an availability-of-service charge such that the charge determined from (1) or (2) hereinafter shall not be less than the rate for a single-family dwelling unit including annual charge and customer service charge for each discharger. If an industrial/commercial discharger has a significant quantity of water which is not discharged to the wastewater facilities, the discharger may submit a waiver of nonsewered water request in accordance with (3), herein.

(1) Weighted fixture unit charge. Weighted fixture units shall pay an annual sewer use charge, [effective October 1, 1995 through March 31, 2000, of \$8.06 for each weighted fixture unit, plus \$4.08 per bill.] Effective on the stated dates the annual sewer use charge for each weighted fixture unit plus \$4.20 per bill is the following:

[April 1, 2000 \$8.64 for each weighted fixture unit.  
April 1, 2001 \$9.27 for each weighted fixture unit.  
April 1, 2002 \$9.90 for each weighted fixture unit.  
April 1, 2003 \$10.54 for each weighted fixture unit.  
April 1, 2004 \$11.17 for each weighted fixture unit.]

#### Weighted Fixture Unit Charge For Each Weighted Fixture Unit

<u>April 1, 2004</u>	<u>\$11.17</u>
<u>October 1, 2005</u>	<u>\$13.96</u>
<u>October 1, 2006</u>	<u>\$14.52</u>
<u>October 1, 2007</u>	<u>\$15.10</u>
<u>October 1, 2008</u>	<u>\$15.71</u>
<u>October 1, 2009</u>	<u>\$16.33</u>
<u>October 1, 2010</u>	<u>\$16.99</u>
<u>October 1, 2011</u>	<u>\$17.67</u>
<u>October 1, 2012</u>	<u>\$18.37</u>
<u>October 1, 2013</u>	<u>\$19.11</u>
<u>October 1, 2014</u>	<u>\$19.87</u>
<u>October 1, 2015</u>	<u>\$20.67</u>

(2) Commercial/Industrial user class rates: Commercial/Industrial sewer use rates are based upon comparable costs for an equivalent single-family dwelling. Surcharges for predefined user classes in Table I are included. Rates for undefined classes of users may be established pursuant to section 12.16.200.

(Surcharge).

Commercial/industrial accounts serviced by one or more water meters but having multiple dischargers or user categories (such as shopping malls), or that are not directly assignable under Table I shall have user fee rates established under section 12.16.200 (Surcharge) and be billed in \$0.10 increments rounded to the nearest \$0.10 increment of cost per 1000 gallons. Multiple use facilities user fees shall be calculated and billed based upon water usage per user category or fixture unit counts and hours of operation to obtain a proportional allocation of costs for billing use. A customer service charge of \$4.20 shall be added per bill for all customer classes.

Gallonge charge of metered flow for Commercial/industrial user fees with effective date as shown on Table I per 1,000 gallons.

[TABLE I COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL USER CLASS RATES\*\*

Charge per 1000 gallons	Effective Rate To March 31, 2000	Effective Rate April 1,2000	Effective Rate April 1,2001	Effective Rate April 1,2002	Effective Rate April 1,2003	Effective Rate April 1,2004
Description	CHARGE: DOLLARS per 1000 Gallons	CHARGE: DOLLARS per 1000 Gallons	CHARGE: DOLLARS per 1000 Gallons	CHARGE: DOLLARS per 1000 Gallons	CHARGE: DOLLARS per 1000 Gallons	CHARGE: DOLLARS per 1000 Gallons
A - Large Hotel w/ Restaurant	\$2.55	\$2.73	\$2.93	\$3.13	\$3.33	\$3.53
B - Small Hotel w/ Restaurant	\$2.19	\$2.35	\$2.52	\$2.69	\$2.86	\$3.03
C - Casino w/ Restaurant	\$2.55	\$2.73	\$2.93	\$3.13	\$3.33	\$3.53
D - Full Service Restaurant	\$3.07	\$3.29	\$3.53	\$3.77	\$4.01	\$4.25
E - Fast Food	\$3.02	\$3.24	\$3.47	\$3.71	\$3.95	\$4.18
F - Pizza Parlor	\$2.43	\$2.60	\$2.79	\$2.99	\$3.18	\$3.37
G - Meat , Seafood Prep	\$2.51	\$2.69	\$2.89	\$3.08	\$3.28	\$3.48
H/I - Commercial/Industrial Laundry	\$3.30	\$3.54	\$3.80	\$4.05	\$4.31	\$4.57
J - Car Wash	\$2.04	\$2.19	\$2.35	\$2.51	\$2.67	\$2.83
K - Bakery	\$1.94	\$2.08	\$2.23	\$2.38	\$2.54	\$2.69
L - Market w/ Bakery	\$2.37	\$2.54	\$2.73	\$2.91	\$3.10	\$3.28
M - Hospital, Conv Home	\$2.09	\$2.24	\$2.40	\$2.57	\$2.73	\$2.90
N - Service and Repair Garage	\$2.23	\$2.39	\$2.56	\$2.74	\$2.91	\$3.09
P - Mortuaries	\$3.38	\$3.62	\$3.89	\$4.15	\$4.42	\$4.68
Q - Laundromat	\$2.19	\$2.35	\$2.52	\$2.69	\$2.86	\$3.03
R - Schools w/ Cafeteria	\$1.98	\$2.12	\$2.28	\$2.43	\$2.59	\$2.74
S - Doctor/Dentist/Vet	\$1.96	\$2.10	\$2.25	\$2.41	\$2.56	\$2.72
T - Bottling Plant	\$2.47	\$2.65	\$2.84	\$3.03	\$3.23	\$3.42
UA - Dairy Processing	\$3.74	\$4.01	\$4.30	\$4.59	\$4.89	\$5.18
WW - Photographic Studios	\$4.08	\$4.37	\$4.69	\$5.01	\$5.33	\$5.65
Z - All Other Commercial	\$2.19	\$2.35	\$2.52	\$2.69	\$2.86	\$3.03 ]

[\*\*Includes applicable surcharges or cost of service allocations for each user class]

**TABLE I COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL USER CLASS RATES\*\***

	<u>Rate</u> <u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u> <u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u> <u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u> <u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u> <u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u> <u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u> <u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u> <u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u> <u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u> <u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u> <u>Effective</u>
<u>Effective Dates of Fees</u>	<u>4/1/2004</u>	<u>10/1/2005</u>	<u>10/1/2006</u>	<u>10/1/2007</u>	<u>10/1/2008</u>	<u>10/1/2009</u>	<u>10/1/2010</u>	<u>10/1/2011</u>	<u>10/1/2012</u>	<u>10/1/2013</u>	<u>10/1/2014</u>
<u>Charge per 1000 gallons</u>	<u>Charge</u> <u>in</u> <u>Dollars</u> <u>per</u> <u>1000</u> <u>Gallons</u>	<u>Charge in</u> <u>Dollars</u> <u>per 1000</u> <u>Gallons</u>	<u>Charge in</u> <u>Dollars</u> <u>per 1000</u> <u>Gallons</u>	<u>Charge in</u> <u>Dollars</u> <u>per 1000</u> <u>Gallons</u>	<u>Charge in</u> <u>Dollars</u> <u>per 1000</u> <u>Gallons</u>	<u>Charge in</u> <u>Dollars</u> <u>per 1000</u> <u>Gallons</u>	<u>Charge in</u> <u>Dollars</u> <u>per 1000</u> <u>Gallons</u>	<u>Charge in</u> <u>Dollars</u> <u>per 1000</u> <u>Gallons</u>	<u>Charge in</u> <u>Dollars</u> <u>per 1000</u> <u>Gallons</u>	<u>Charge in</u> <u>Dollars</u> <u>per 1000</u> <u>Gallons</u>	<u>Charge in</u> <u>Dollars</u> <u>per 1000</u> <u>Gallons</u>
<u>Description</u>											
A - Large Hotel w/ Restaurant	\$3.53	\$4.41	\$4.59	\$4.77	\$4.96	\$5.16	\$5.37	\$5.58	\$5.81	\$6.04	\$6.28
B - Small Hotel w/ Restaurant	\$3.03	\$3.79	\$3.94	\$4.10	\$4.26	\$4.43	\$4.61	\$4.79	\$4.98	\$5.18	\$5.39
C - Casino w/ Restaurant	\$3.53	\$4.41	\$4.59	\$4.77	\$4.96	\$5.16	\$5.37	\$5.58	\$5.81	\$6.04	\$6.28
D - Full Service Restaurant	\$4.25	\$5.31	\$5.53	\$5.75	\$5.98	\$6.21	\$6.46	\$6.72	\$6.99	\$7.27	\$7.56
E - Fast Food	\$4.18	\$5.23	\$5.43	\$5.65	\$5.88	\$6.11	\$6.36	\$6.61	\$6.88	\$7.15	\$7.44
F - Pizza Parlor	\$3.37	\$4.21	\$4.38	\$4.56	\$4.74	\$4.93	\$5.13	\$5.33	\$5.54	\$5.77	\$6.00
G - Meat , Seafood Prep	\$3.48	\$4.35	\$4.52	\$4.70	\$4.89	\$5.09	\$5.29	\$5.50	\$5.72	\$5.95	\$6.19
H/I - Commercial/Industrial Laundry	\$4.57	\$5.71	\$5.94	\$6.18	\$6.43	\$6.68	\$6.95	\$7.23	\$7.52	\$7.82	\$8.13
J - Car Wash	\$2.83	\$3.54	\$3.68	\$3.83	\$3.98	\$4.14	\$4.30	\$4.48	\$4.66	\$4.84	\$5.03
K - Bakery	\$2.69	\$3.36	\$3.50	\$3.64	\$3.78	\$3.93	\$4.09	\$4.25	\$4.42	\$4.60	\$4.79
L - Market w/ Bakery	\$3.28	\$4.10	\$4.26	\$4.43	\$4.61	\$4.80	\$4.99	\$5.19	\$5.40	\$5.61	\$5.84
M - Hospital, Conv Home	\$2.90	\$3.63	\$3.77	\$3.92	\$4.08	\$4.24	\$4.41	\$4.59	\$4.77	\$4.96	\$5.16
N - Service and Repair Garage	\$3.09	\$3.86	\$4.02	\$4.18	\$4.34	\$4.52	\$4.70	\$4.89	\$5.08	\$5.29	\$5.50
P - Mortuaries	\$4.68	\$5.85	\$6.08	\$6.33	\$6.58	\$6.84	\$7.12	\$7.40	\$7.70	\$8.01	\$8.33
Q - Laundromat	\$3.03	\$3.79	\$3.94	\$4.10	\$4.26	\$4.43	\$4.61	\$4.79	\$4.98	\$5.18	\$5.39
R - Schools w/ Cafeteria	\$2.74	\$3.43	\$3.56	\$3.70	\$3.85	\$4.01	\$4.17	\$4.33	\$4.51	\$4.69	\$4.87
S - Doctor/Dentist/Vet	\$2.72	\$3.40	\$3.54	\$3.68	\$3.82	\$3.98	\$4.14	\$4.30	\$4.47	\$4.65	\$4.84
T - Bottling Plant	\$3.42	\$4.28	\$4.45	\$4.62	\$4.81	\$5.00	\$5.20	\$5.41	\$5.63	\$5.85	\$6.08
UA - Dairy Processing	\$5.18	\$6.48	\$6.73	\$7.00	\$7.28	\$7.57	\$7.88	\$8.19	\$8.52	\$8.86	\$9.22
WW - Photographic Studios	\$5.65	\$7.06	\$7.35	\$7.64	\$7.94	\$8.26	\$8.59	\$8.94	\$9.29	\$9.67	\$10.05
Z - All Other Commercial	\$3.03	\$3.79	\$3.94	\$4.10	\$4.26	\$4.43	\$4.61	\$4.79	\$4.98	\$5.18	\$5.39

**\*\*Includes applicable surcharges or cost of service allocations for each user class**



3) Waiver of nonsewered water request. Industrial/commercial dischargers may request an allowance be made for water which flows through the water meter but is not discharged to the sewer. The waiver will be reviewed and acted on by the director, once the discharger has submitted a completed application, "waiver of nonsewered water," to the director. The nonsewered allowance determined by the waiver will be applied to second and third quarter billings. Forms for a waiver application can be obtained from the Public Works [maintenance and engineering] department. The director may require verification by metering. The meter type and location must have approval from the director prior to installation and must be accessible to authorized city personnel for inspection. Quarterly readings of the meter will be obtained by the city. Authorized representatives shall have access to read and inspect the meters. There will be a \$15.00 charge per meter per quarter to read the meters. All new meter installation are required to have remote readouts. Any existing meter that fails or is not accessible to be read due to mud, water, debris, or other reason determined by the director shall be required to install a meter with a remote readout. If an allowance meter is not functioning or cannot be read, the industrial/commercial discharger will be notified and the discharger will not receive any allowance until the meter is repaired. The repair and maintenance of the meters shall be the responsibility of the industrial/commercial discharger.

(Ord. No. 2899, § 1 (7.20.033), 8-25-80; Ord. No. 2949, § 1, 7-27-81; Ord. No. 3456, § 2, 1-26-87; Ord. No. 3496, § 1, 5-11-87; Ord. No. 3754, § 1, 12-12-88; Ord. No. 3924, § 3, 2-27-90; Ord. No. 4375, § 2, 3-22-94; Ord. No. 4560, § 1, 9-26-95; Ord. No. 4565, § 1, 10-10-95; Ord. No. 4619, § 1, 4-23-96; Ord. No. 5102, § 1, 12-14-99; Ord. No. 5511, § 1, 11-5-03)

#### **Sec. 12.16.140. Unmetered water source.**

Any industrial/commercial discharger with an unmetered water source must install, operate and maintain a meter on that source. All new meter installations after October 1, 1995, will be required to have remote readouts. Any existing meter that fails or is not accessible to be read due to mud, water, debris, or other reason determined by the director shall be required to install a meter with a remote readout. The meter type and location must have approval from the director prior to installation. Quarterly records of the meter will be obtained by the city. Authorized representatives of the director shall have access to read and inspect these meters. There will be a \$15.00 charge per meter per quarter to read these meters.

(Ord. No. 2899, § 1 (7.20.034), 8-25-80; Ord. No. 2949, § 1, 7-27-81; Ord. No. 2990, § 1, 6-28-82; Ord. No. 3497, § 1, 5-11-87; Ord. No. 3924, § 4, 2-27-90; Ord. No. 4565, § 1, 10-10-95; Ord. No. 4620, § 1, 4-23-96)

#### **Sec. 12.16.150. Weighted fixture unit schedule.**

(a) The number of weighted fixture units shall be determined from the following schedule:

TABLE INSET:

Fixture Type	Weighted Fixture Private Industrial/Commercial	Units (3) Public Industrial/Commercial
(1) Bathroom group (water closet-tank operated,	8	--
Bathtub (including shower head)	2.5	--
Bedpan (washer & sterilizer)	3	5

Car wash (stall) (1)	12	28
Dental unit (cuspidors)	1	--
Drinking fountain (per head) with valve control (2)	1	2
Dishwasher (conveyor) (2)	--	100
Dishwasher (undercounter type) (2)	2	6
Disposal (commercial type) (2)	25	50
Disposal (home type)	2	_____
Laundry (tub and trays)	2	4
Lavatory (2)	1	2
Laundry, commercial (per 12 lb. & 16 lb. top	20	--
Laundry, commercial (per 40 lb. & 50 lb. front	24	--
Laundry, commercial (per round machine--100	1.5	--
Laundry, self-service (per 8 lb., 12 lb., and 16	8	8
Laundry, self-service (per 20 lb. & 30 lb. front	8	8
Sink (kitchen or service) (2)	2	4
Sink (wash or bar) (2)	1	2
Shower (each head)	2.5	5
Urinal, trough (per 2 ft.) valve control (2)	3	6
Urinal, individual valve controlled (2)	3	6
Water closets, tank type (2)	3	6
Floor drain (2)	2	4
Recreational vehicle dump station	25	--

Recreational vehicle park (per wet space)	7	--
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(1)Recycle: Reduced by percentage rate as determined by director.

(2)Multiply by one and five-tenths (1.5) for industrial/commercial private and industrial/commercial public facilities with greater than 12 hour and less than 16 hour operation. Multiply by two and zero-tenths (2.0) for industrial/commercial private and industrial/commercial public facilities with greater than 16 hour operation.

(3)Weighted fixture units required for a dwelling unit is established at 21.67.

(b) For fixtures not listed, weights may be assumed by comparing the fixture to a listed one using water in similar quantities and at similar rates.

(Ord. No. 2899, § 1 (7.20.035), 8-25-80)

#### **Sec. 12.16.160. Uses of charges collected.**

The proceeds from the sewer user charges shall be used solely for the operation, maintenance and replacement of the Wastewater Facilities and Stormwater Facilities, including costs connected to the City of Reno and Sparks jointly owned Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and State Water Quality Standards, and including indirect allocated costs as well as funding depreciation expense and the interest and principal payments of debt incurred for the sewerage system.

(Ord. No. 2899, § 1 (7.20.036), 8-25-80; Ord. No. 3456, § 3, 1-26-87; Ord. No. 4543, § 1, 8-8-95; Ord. No. 4638, § 3, 6-25-96; Ord. No. 5102, § 2, 12-14-99)

### **DIVISION 3. WASTE SURCHARGE**

#### **Sec. 12.16.170. Purpose.**

The purpose of a waste surcharge is to recover collection, treatment, disposal and administration expenses associated with higher concentrations of waste than domestic wastes. The funds collected will be used solely for the purposes under section 12.16.110. All sewer charges in division 2 of this article are based on flow and equivalent strength to domestic wastewater discharges. For discharges in excess of local domestic wastewater strength, a waste surcharge shall be charged in addition to the sewer user charge.

(Ord. No. 2899, § 1(7.20.041), 8-25-80; Ord. No. 5102, § 2, 12-14-99)

#### **Sec. 12.16.180. Scope.**

The wastewater surcharge will be implemented in cooperation with the city's wastewater discharge regulations. Wastewater discharge data from industrial/commercial dischargers shall be supplied by the user from the industrial commercial discharge permit as per division 3 of article III of this chapter. Charges for wastewater surcharge shall commence upon development of a surcharge for the applicable business-industrial/commercial discharger.

(Ord. No. 2899, § 1(7.20.042), 8-25-80; Ord. No. 2949, § 1, 7-27-81)

**Sec. 12.16.190. Reserved.**

Editor's note: Ord. No. 4560, § 1, adopted Sept. 26, 1995, repealed § 12.16.190, which pertained to local domestic wastewater strength. See the Code Comparative Table.

**Sec. 12.16.200. Surcharge rates.**

Surcharge commercial/industrial user class rates are included in the actual billed rate for nonresidential user fee rates. The wastewater fees of commercial/industrial dischargers are based upon the following equation (in accordance with the findings and methodology of the Sewer Equity Study by Brown and Caldwell dated June 1995 and the Wastewater Rate Study Report by Red Oak Consultants dated June 2005) or are predefined in Table I of section 12.16.130. for Commercial/Industrial User Class Rates.

Commercial/Industrial User Class Rates are based upon the following:

[Effective through March 31, 2000

USER FEE RATE (charge per 1,000 gallons) = [\$2.19 + (BOD - 174) X (\$0.001220) + (SS - 150) X (\$0.001496) + (P - 7) X (\$0.028050) + (N - 20.2) X (\$0.011774)]

Effective April 1, 2000

USER FEE RATE (charge per 1,000 gallons) = [\$2.35 + (BOD - 174) X (\$0.0013071) + (SS - 150) X (\$0.0016029) + (P - 7) X (\$0.03005357) + (N - 20.2) X (\$0.012615)]

Effective April 1, 2001

USER FEE RATE (charge per 1,000 gallons) = [\$2.52 + (BOD - 174) X (\$0.001403) + (SS - 150) X (\$0.0017204) + (P - 7) X (\$0.0322575) + (N - 20.2) X (\$0.0135401)]

Effective April 1, 2002

USER FEE RATE (charge per 1,000 gallons) = [\$2.69 + (BOD - 174) X (\$0.0014989) + (SS - 150) X (\$0.0018379) + (P - 7) X (\$0.03446143) + (N - 20.2) X (\$0.0144652)]

Effective April 1, 2003

USER FEE RATE (charge per 1,000 gallons) = [\$2.86 + (BOD - 174) X (\$0.0015947) + (SS - 150) X (\$0.0019555) + (P - 7) X (\$0.03666536) + (N - 20.2) X (\$0.0153903)]

Effective April 1, 2004

USER FEE RATE (charge per 1,000 gallons) = [\$3.03 + (BOD - 174) X (\$0.0016906) + (SS - 150) X (\$0.002073) + (P - 7) X (\$0.03886929) + (N - 20.2) X (\$0.0163154)]

Where \$2.19, \$2.35, \$2.52, \$2.69, \$2.86, \$3.03 is representative of average residential wastewater treatment costs for each effective date. ]

TABLE INSET:

Effective Date	Commercial/Industrial User Class Surcharge Calculations																					
<u>April 1, 2004</u>	[	<u>3.03000000</u>	+	(BOD - 174)	X (	<u>0.00169060</u>	)	+	(SS - 150)	X (	<u>0.00207300</u>	)	+	(P - 7)	X (	<u>0.03886929</u>	)	+	(N - 20.2)	X (	<u>0.01631540</u>	)]
<u>October 1, 2005</u>	[	<u>3.78750000</u>	+	(BOD - 174)	X (	<u>0.00211325</u>	)	+	(SS - 150)	X (	<u>0.00259125</u>	)	+	(P - 7)	X (	<u>0.04858661</u>	)	+	(N - 20.2)	X (	<u>0.02039425</u>	)]
<u>October 1, 2006</u>	[	<u>3.93900000</u>	+	(BOD - 174)	X (	<u>0.00219778</u>	)	+	(SS - 150)	X (	<u>0.00269490</u>	)	+	(P - 7)	X (	<u>0.05053008</u>	)	+	(N - 20.2)	X (	<u>0.02121002</u>	)]
<u>October 1, 2007</u>	[	<u>4.09656000</u>	+	(BOD - 174)	X (	<u>0.00228569</u>	)	+	(SS - 150)	X (	<u>0.00280270</u>	)	+	(P - 7)	X (	<u>0.05255128</u>	)	+	(N - 20.2)	X (	<u>0.02205842</u>	)]
<u>October 1, 2008</u>	[	<u>4.26042240</u>	+	(BOD - 174)	X (	<u>0.00237712</u>	)	+	(SS - 150)	X (	<u>0.00291480</u>	)	+	(P - 7)	X (	<u>0.05465333</u>	)	+	(N - 20.2)	X (	<u>0.02294076</u>	)]
<u>October 1, 2009</u>	[	<u>4.43083930</u>	+	(BOD - 174)	X (	<u>0.00247220</u>	)	+	(SS - 150)	X (	<u>0.00303140</u>	)	+	(P - 7)	X (	<u>0.05683946</u>	)	+	(N - 20.2)	X (	<u>0.02385839</u>	)]
<u>October 1, 2010</u>	[	<u>4.60807287</u>	+	(BOD - 174)	X (	<u>0.00257109</u>	)	+	(SS - 150)	X (	<u>0.00315265</u>	)	+	(P - 7)	X (	<u>0.05911304</u>	)	+	(N - 20.2)	X (	<u>0.02481272</u>	)]
<u>October 1, 2011</u>	[	<u>4.79239578</u>	+	(BOD - 174)	X (	<u>0.00267394</u>	)	+	(SS - 150)	X (	<u>0.00327876</u>	)	+	(P - 7)	X (	<u>0.06147756</u>	)	+	(N - 20.2)	X (	<u>0.02580523</u>	)]
<u>October 1, 2012</u>	[	<u>4.98409161</u>	+	(BOD - 174)	X (	<u>0.00278089</u>	)	+	(SS - 150)	X (	<u>0.00340991</u>	)	+	(P - 7)	X (	<u>0.06393667</u>	)	+	(N - 20.2)	X (	<u>0.02683744</u>	)]
<u>October 1, 2013</u>	[	<u>5.18345528</u>	+	(BOD - 174)	X (	<u>0.00289213</u>	)	+	(SS - 150)	X (	<u>0.00354630</u>	)	+	(P - 7)	X (	<u>0.06649413</u>	)	+	(N - 20.2)	X (	<u>0.02791094</u>	)]
<u>October 1, 2014</u>	[	<u>5.39079349</u>	+	(BOD - 174)	X (	<u>0.00300781</u>	)	+	(SS - 150)	X (	<u>0.00368816</u>	)	+	(P - 7)	X (	<u>0.06915390</u>	)	+	(N - 20.2)	X (	<u>0.02902738</u>	)]

BOD = Commercial/industrial customer's BOD concentrations, mg/l

SS = Commercial/industrial customer's SS concentration, mg/l

P = Commercial/industrial customer's P concentration, mg/l (Total Phosphorus)

N = Commercial/industrial customer's N concentration, mg/l (Total Nitrogen)

A commercial/industrial customer class not assignable in Table I of 12.16.130 shall have a user fee rate established by the above equation and the methodology of the Sewer Equity Study dated June 1995.

(Ord. No. 2899, § 1, (7.20.044), 8-25-80; Ord. No. 2991, § 1, 6-28-82; Ord. No. 3924, § 5, 2-27-90; Ord. No. 4560, § 1, 9-26-95; Ord. No. 5102, § 3, 12-14-99)

DIVISION 4. RESERVED\*

\*Editor's note: Ord. No. 2993, § 1, adopted June 28, 1982, repealed Div. 4. §§ 12.16.210--12.16.270, "Industrial Cost Recovery," as derived from Ord. No. 2899. § enacted Aug. 25, 1980.

**Secs. 12.16.210--12.16.270. Reserved.**

## **DIVISION 5. CONNECTION FEES**

### **Sec. 12.16.280. Connection fee payment.**

The connection fee will be paid when the building permit is issued unless a sewage allocation program is in effect. If a sewage allocation program is in effect, the connection fee will be paid as specified in section 12.16.310. Connections outside the city limits for property which is not contiguous to the city but is within the sphere of influence as defined in the Regional Plan shall be assessed a connection fee two times the sewer connection fee in sections 12.16.290 and 12.16.300. However, if application has been made for annexation at the time the connection to the sewer is made, the connection fee will be reduced to the city rate and a refund made when annexation is completed. Connections outside the city's sphere of influence shall be assessed a connection fee equal to the fee imposed by Washoe County for a similar type of connection to a county wastewater facility. If a connection is made to the wastewater facility without a building permit and payment of connection fees, the discharger will be subject to a connection fee which is twice the applicable connection fee plus all applicable costs required to determine the illegal connection.

(Ord. No. 2899, § 1, (7.20.061), 8-25-80; Ord. No. 3082, § 1, 5-23-83; Ord. No. 4346, § 1, 10-12-93)

### **Sec. 12.16.290. Dwelling unit or residential unit.**

The connection fee is at a flat rate for each residential unit and shall be in accordance with the following schedule and effective dates:

# RESIDENTIAL CONNECTION FEE RATES

TABLE INSET:

[Type of Residential Unit	Effective Through 3/31/2000 Connection Fees	Effective April 1, 2000 Connection Fees	Effective April 1, 2001 Connection Fees	Effective April 1, 2002 Connection Fees	Effective April 1, 2003 Connection Fees	Effective April 1, 2004 Connection Fees
Single-family dwelling	\$1,625.00	\$1,925.00	\$2,225.00	\$2,525.00	\$2,825.00	\$3,125.00
Apartment house (per each apartment)	1,625.00	1,925.00	2,225.00	2,525.00	2,825.00	3,125.00
Mobile home estates and parks (per each mobile unit space)	1,625.00	1,925.00	2,225.00	2,525.00	2,825.00	3,125.00
Multiple-family residential dwelling unit (per dwelling unit)	1,625.00	1,925.00	2,225.00	2,525.00	2,825.00	3,125.00
Multiple-family residential dwelling unit with a shared kitchen, for kitchen only. 1	1,019.00	1,207.12	1,395.25	1,583.37	1,771.49	1,959.62
Rooming house (per room rental) 2	606.00	717.88	829.75	941.63	1,053.51	1,165.38 ]

<u>Type of Residential Unit</u>	<u>Effective Through</u> <u>October 1, 2005</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2005</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2006</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2007</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2008</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2009</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>
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<u>Single-Family Dwelling (per dwelling)</u>	<u>\$3,125</u>	<u>\$4,321</u>	<u>\$4,572</u>	<u>\$4,822</u>	<u>\$5,064</u>	<u>\$5,276</u>
<u>Multi-Family Residential Dwelling (per dwelling unit)</u>	<u>\$3,125</u>	<u>\$3,651</u>	<u>\$3,863</u>	<u>\$4,075</u>	<u>\$4,279</u>	<u>\$4,459</u>
<u>Mobile Home Estates or Subdivisions*</u>	<u>\$3,125</u>	<u>\$4,321</u>	<u>\$4,572</u>	<u>\$4,822</u>	<u>\$5,064</u>	<u>\$5,276</u>
<u>Mobile Home Parks (per space)</u>	<u>\$3,125</u>	<u>\$3,651</u>	<u>\$3,863</u>	<u>\$4,075</u>	<u>\$4,279</u>	<u>\$4,459</u>
<u>Residential Dwelling Unit Shared Kitchen or Rooming House Kitchen</u>	<u>\$1,559</u>	<u>\$1,539</u>	<u>\$1,628</u>	<u>\$1,717</u>	<u>\$1,803</u>	<u>\$1,879</u>
<u>Rooming House (per room rental)</u>	<u>\$1,401</u>	<u>\$1,383</u>	<u>\$1,464</u>	<u>\$1,544</u>	<u>\$1,621</u>	<u>\$1,689</u>



<u>Type of Residential Unit</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2010</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2011</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2012</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2013</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2014</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>
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<u>Single-Family Dwelling (per dwelling)</u>	<u>\$5,497</u>	<u>\$5,717</u>	<u>\$5,939</u>	<u>\$6,162</u>	<u>\$6,376</u>
<u>Multi-Family Residential Dwelling (per dwelling unit)</u>	<u>\$4,695</u>	<u>\$4,882</u>	<u>\$5,072</u>	<u>\$5,262</u>	<u>\$5,445</u>
<u>Mobile Home Estates or Subdivisions*</u>	<u>\$5,497</u>	<u>\$5,717</u>	<u>\$5,939</u>	<u>\$6,162</u>	<u>\$6,376</u>
<u>Mobile Home Parks (per space)</u>	<u>\$4,695</u>	<u>\$4,882</u>	<u>\$5,072</u>	<u>\$5,262</u>	<u>\$5,445</u>
<u>Residential Dwelling Unit Shared Kitchen or Rooming House Kitchen</u>	<u>\$1,958</u>	<u>\$2,036</u>	<u>\$2,115</u>	<u>\$2,194</u>	<u>\$2,271</u>
<u>Rooming House (per room rental)</u>	<u>\$1,760</u>	<u>\$1,830</u>	<u>\$1,901</u>	<u>\$1,973</u>	<u>\$2,041</u>

\*(Per Each Mobile Unit Space)

[1(] The connection fee for each bedroom unit used in connection with [the] a shared kitchen shall be the fee for a rooming house (per room rental).[charges) ]

[2(An additional charge for apartment or shared kitchen as stated) above.)]

(Ord. No. 2899, § 1 (7.20.062), 8-25-80; Ord. No. 2954, § 1, 9-14-81; Ord. No. 3456, § 4, 1-26-87; Ord. No. 3945, § 1, 4-24-90; Ord. No. 4055, § 1, 2-26-91; Ord. No. 5102, § 4, 12-14-99)

Editor's note: The new connection fees established by Ord. No. 3456 for § 12.16.290 become effective January 26, 1987.

**Sec. 12.16.300. Industrial/commercial connection fee.**

(1) The sewer connection fee will be based on the number of weighted fixture units which are being connected times the current fixture unit fee per weighted fixture unit. The number of weighted fixture units shall be in accordance with the weighted fixture unit schedule in section 12.16.150. The connection fee shall not be less than the current residential connection fee in section 12.16.290 for a single-family dwelling per connection.

Fixture Unit Industrial/Commercial Fee Schedule

**INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL FIXTURE UNIT FEE AND EFFECTIVE DATES**

TABLE INSET:

Effective Through 3/31/2000 \$93	Effective April 1, 2000 \$110	Effective April 1, 2001 \$127	Effective April 1, 2002 \$145	Effective April 1, 2003 \$162	Effective April 1, 2004 \$179 ]
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<u>Effective</u> <u>Through</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2005</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2005</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2006</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2007</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2008</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2009</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>
<u>\$179</u>	<u>\$200</u>	<u>\$211</u>	<u>\$223</u>	<u>\$234</u>	<u>\$244</u>

<u>Effective</u> <u>Through</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2010</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2011</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2012</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2013</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>October 1,</u> <u>2014</u> <u>Connection</u> <u>Fees</u>
<u>\$254</u>	<u>\$264</u>	<u>\$275</u>	<u>\$285</u>	<u>\$295</u>

(2) Effective April 1, 2000, in addition to a sewer connection fee based upon weighted fixture units, any new commercial/industrial sewer connection fee shall include an additional fee component for any wastes greater in strength than 20 percent of normal domestic wastes. The basis of cost for the additional connection fee charge shall be the unit cost of each cost category (flow, BOD, SS, P and N) for which a residential connection is charged as determined by the Sewer Service Commission. Each discharger covered by this section shall be required to submit a wastewater connection fee application containing the estimated maximum monthly quantities and peak daily quantities for flow, BOD, SS, P, N and Total Dissolved Solids

(TDS). The additional connection fee for Commercial/Industrial users will be based upon estimates furnished in the wastewater connection fee application and approved by the director. The environmental control discharge permit issued for which the connection fee was paid will contain the allowed flow and loading specific to the property from which the discharge will occur. The environmental control discharge permit issued under section 12.16.610. (Permit for industrial/commercial discharges) may contain provisions requiring the discharger to report future flows and strength. The environmental control discharge permit may limit actual discharge based upon the estimate furnished in the wastewater connection fee application. In the event flow and/or loading increases occur either incrementally or all at once after a connection fee is paid, additional connection fees will be assessed. The fee calculation shall be based upon the difference between the permitted flows and loads as contained in the original wastewater discharge permit and the maximum monthly flows and loads reported. The payment for the additional fees will become due and payable by the discharger 120 days after receipt of bill. The user may, within three years of occupancy, request a one time reevaluation of the connection fee for reimbursement of the additional connection fee. Any reimbursement shall be at the rate charged at the time the connection fee was paid.

(Ord. No. 2899, § 1 (7.20.063), 8-25-80; Ord. No. 3456, § 5, 1-26-87; Ord. No. 3945, § 1, 4-24-90; Ord. No. 4055, § 1, 2-26-91; Ord. No. 5102, § 4, 12-14-99)

Editor's note: The new connection fees established by Ord. No. 3456 for § 12.16.300 become effective January 26, 1987.

#### **Sec. 12.16.310. Prepayment of sewer connection fees by prospective users.**

(a) If the city council determines the need to establish a sewer allocation list for either the Reno-Sparks or Reno-Stead Water Pollution Control Plant applicants will be required to prepay sewer connection fees prior to being placed on the allocation list.

(b) Prepayment of sewer connection fees must be made in cash only.

(c) Each applicant for residential allocation shall pay his sewer connection prepayment fee, pursuant to section 12.16.290 and any amendments thereto, prior to filing each final map. No consideration for gallonage allocation shall be given to any applicant until the filing of the final map and the said prepayment of fees as required herein.

(d) Prepayment of sewer connection fees, pursuant to section 12.16.290 and any amendment thereto, shall be paid at the time application is made for issuance of a building permit for construction of any structure other than residential.

(e) The amount of prepaid fees shall be based upon the connection charges in effect at the time the prepayments are paid.

(f) Acceptance of prepayment of sewer connection fees shall not be deemed nor construed as a guarantee that sewage treatment capacity will be available at any point in time nor shall any person or user acquire any rights of any kind by reason of prepayment of sewer connection fees in the event that sewage treatment capacity should, at any time, be insufficient to accommodate all user applicants.

(Ord. No. 2899, § 1 (7.20.064), 8-25-80)

**Sec. 12.16.320. Expenditure of funds limited.**

(a) Upon timely receipt by the city of prepaid sewer connection fees in cash sufficient to fund a project or projects for expansion as stated below, the city council shall immediately implement the procedures for the issuance of appropriate contracts to provide for additions to the treatment plant, so as to increase the capacity of the treatment plant by additional facilities or for additions to the sewerage system equal to the amount of prepaid fees received by the city. Contracts shall include necessary engineering design and construction which must be eligible for all approvals, permits, and requirements of all applicable regulatory agencies.

(b) All cash monies received by the city as prepayments of sewer connection fees shall be expended and utilized only for the purpose specified in subsection (a) of this section unless returned pursuant to section 12.16.370.

(Ord. No. 2899, § 1 (7.20.064A), 8-25-80)

**Sec. 12.16.330. Administration of procedures by the public works department through the office of the sanitary engineer.**

(a) The public works department through the office of the sanitary engineer shall administer the allocation of sewer capacity and issuance of sewer connection permits.

(b) The sanitary engineer shall not withhold issuance of sewer connection permits indiscriminately provided sufficient capacity exists. Upon determination by the city council that the remaining sewage capacity available for allocation from the city's portion of any sewage plant is at such a level so as to endanger the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the city, or is in the best interest of the city, it shall institute an allocation program for the remaining capacity. Any allocation system will divide the capacity proportionately between commercial and residential according to historical data of construction within the community prior to 1977.

(c) At such time as available capacity for allocation is increased by plant expansion so as to alleviate any harm to the citizens of the city, the allocation system shall be discontinued. Any action taken pursuant to the procedures established for the allocation of any remaining capacity may be appealed to the city council upon 30 days written notice of such action.

(d) Each application for sewer connection shall be dated and time stamped. If an allocation program is implemented, date and time will determine the order of issuance of available capacity.

(e) The following shall be exempt from allocation regulations and are permitted to move to the front of the allocation list. The maximum allocation shall be limited to 10,000 gallons per day per project in any given month.

(1) A single family residence for the owner's use and occupancy or individuals remodeling their own single family residence for their own use;

(2) Commercial application with a requirement of 500 gallons per day or less;

(3) Public health, safety and welfare projects;

(4) Affordable housing as defined by ordinance;

(5) Elderly and handicapped housing;

(6) All projects requiring consideration because of a regulatory agency's order or rule for health, welfare or safety purposes with a sewage treatment demand of six fixture units or less will be issued permits upon a sufficient showing of need;

(7) When it is deemed by the health department that an existing septic tank is no longer usable and is a hazard to health;

- (8) Residential applicants with a requirement of 1,000 gallons per day, or less, per year per single family builder or developer.
- (f) Any allocation made under subsection (e) shall be charged against the total sewage treatment capacity before any consideration is given to the allocation for residential and commercial.
- (g) The sanitary engineer shall post current copies of all allocation, abeyance and waiting lists in a conspicuous place in the sanitary engineer's office for viewing by any person and copies shall be furnished upon request to any person.
- (Ord. No. 2899, § 1 (7.20.064B), 8-25-80)

**Sec. 12.16.340. No delegation of city council power.**

By the enactment of section 12.16.310, the city council is not delegating, relinquishing or waiving any of its powers with respect to zoning, major project review, special use permit conditions, required compliance with building or other codes, or any other rule, procedure, policy or regulation of the city.

(Ord. No. 2899, § 1 (7.20.064C), 8-25-80)

**Sec. 12.16.350. Regulations recommendation of sewer service commission.**

The sewer service commission shall recommend to the city council regulations and policies consistent with the provisions of this chapter for the implementation of the provisions contained herein. Each prepayment of a sewer connection fee must be assigned to a specific project and shall not be transferable.

(1) If a specific project is unable to proceed, a return of up to 95 percent of the prepaid sewer connection fee may be made if the funds deposited have not been committed for capital projects construction. If funds have been committed, the percentage return will be 100 percent minus the percent developed by taking the amount of capital projects construction committed between the date of the prepayment and the date of the request for the return divided by the unreserved retained earnings in the capital sewer projects division of the sanitary sewer enterprise fund on the date of the request for the return. The return will never be more than 95 percent nor less than zero percent. However, if the prepayment of a sewer connection fee resulted in the city issuing a notice to the county department of health that sewage services will be provided to a subdivision, "a will-serve letter," refunds will not be made.

(2) Whenever a subdivision has prepaid sewer connection fees and is issued a "will-serve letter" for sewage treatment, and said subdivision subsequently reverts to acreage, a return not exceeding 95 percent of the sewer connection fee will be returned as set forth in subsection (1) above. Exception: The calculation will be made as of the date of recordation of the map of reversion or abandonment and not on the date of request for return.

(Ord. No. 2899, § 1, (7.20.064D), 8-25-80; Ord. No. 2977, § 1, 3-8-82; Ord. No. 3047, § 1, 11-22-82)

**Sec. 12.16.360. Expiration of chapter by limitation.**

If the city determines that circumstances occur outside of the control of the city which would prevent execution of any of the change orders or contracts under this chapter, this chapter shall expire by limitation, be of no further force and effect, and all uncommitted monies shall be returned prorata by the city to the payers thereof without interest, and the provision of section 12.16.290 will be applicable. Except as provided in this section 12.16.370 any prepayments made pursuant to this chapter shall be nonrefundable.  
(Ord. No. 2899, § 1 (7.20.064E), 8-25-80)

**Sec. 12.16.370. Connection fees adjusted.**

Irrespective of section 12.16.310 (e), connection fees paid after September 12, 1980, shall be adjusted to the connection fee rates in effect at the time a building permit is issued.

(Ord. No. 2899, § 1 (7.20.064E), 8-25-80)

SECTION 2. The Reno City Council hereby finds that this ordinance does not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a business, nor does it directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after its passage, adoption and publication in one issue of a newspaper printed and published in the City of Reno.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk of the City Council of the City of Reno is hereby authorized and directed to have this Ordinance published in one issue of the Reno Gazette-Journal, a newspaper printed and published in the City of Reno.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: Dortch, Gustin, Hascheff, Zadra, Sferrazza, Aiazzi, Cashell

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005.

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Robert A. Cashell, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lynnette Jones, City Clerk and Clerk of  
the City Council of the City of Reno, Nevada

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 8, 2005